THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No letters have been published by the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu during the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and till June, 1987.

(c) The books brought out by the B.P.U. are sold on no profit no loss basis.

Research Scholars in Central Universities

1912. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) total number of Research Scholars registered in Central Universities during the last three years, faculty-wise;

(b) number of Research Scholars who have completed their research, faculty-wise, till June 30, 1986; and

(c) number of Research Scholars who received scholarship during the same period, faculty-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Railway Pensioners

1913. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway Pensioners as on March 31, 1987;

(b) the total amount of pension disbursed monthly;

(c) the agency through which pension is disbursed among the railway pensioners; and

(d) the arrears, if any, to be paid by the Railway authorities to the agency till March 31, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Total number of Railway Pensioners on 31st March, 1987 was 5,11,498.

(b) Information is being collected from the Railways and Production Units and will be placed on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

(c) Disbursement of Railway Pensions is made through the agency of (i) Civil Treasuries, (ii) Post Offices, (iii) Public Sector Banks and (iv) Railway Cash Offices at Calcutta and Nagpur.

(d) Information is being collected from the Railways and Production Units and will be placed on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

Railway Trains

1914. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of superfast express trains, ordinary express trains and passenger trains in the country as on March 31, 1987;

(b) the number of superfast trains introduced during the years 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87 and the current financial year; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to replace passenger trains by express trains or by increasing their speed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There were 56 pairs of Superfast trains including Rajdhani Express,